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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Ron Jones
Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom d/b/a Grapevine Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 05-00220

Dear Chairman Jones:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom d/b/a Grapevine and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the original and fourteen copies of the attached Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated April 24, 2001. The Amendment extends the term of the Agreement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Guy M. Hicks

cc ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc., d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom d/b/a Grapevine, Regulatory Department

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

Docket No. _____

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE
AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
NEGOTIATED BETWEEN BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
AND ITC^DELTA COM D/B/A GRAPEVINE
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, ITC^DeltaCom ("ITC^DeltaCom") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated April 24, 2001 (the "Amendment") negotiated between the two companies pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (the "Act"). In support of their request, ITC^DeltaCom and BellSouth state the following:

1. ITC^DeltaCom and BellSouth entered into good faith negotiations pursuant to the Act to negotiate an interconnection agreement to replace the existing interconnection agreement dated April 24, 2001 which expired June 30, 2003 ("Expired Interconnection Agreement").

2. ITC^DeltaCom and BellSouth are currently involved in an arbitration proceeding before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority

3. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Expired Agreement which extends the term of the Agreement. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

4. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, ITC^DeltaCom and BellSouth are submitting their Amendment to the TRA for its consideration and approval. The Amendment provides that either or both of the parties are authorized to submit this Amendment to the TRA for approval.

5. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment between BellSouth and ITC^DeltaCom within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the TRA may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

6. ITC^DeltaCom and BellSouth aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

7. Pursuant to 47 USC Section 252(i) and 47 C.F.R. Section 51.809, BellSouth shall make available the entire Interconnection Agreement approved pursuant to 47 USC Section 252.

ITC^DeltaCom and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendment between the parties.

This 4th day of August, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: 

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Guy M. Hicks, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement on the following via United States Mail on the 4th day of August, 2005:

ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc.
d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom d/b/a Grapevine
Regulatory Department
7037 Old Madison Pike; Suite 400
Huntsville, AL 35802


Guy M. Hicks

**Amendment to the Agreement
Between
ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom d/b/a Grapevine
and
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Dated August 15, 2004**

Pursuant to this Amendment, (the "Amendment"), ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom d/b/a Grapevine, ("ITC^DeltaCom"), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated August 15, 2004 ("Agreement") to be effective on date of last signature

WHEREAS, BellSouth and ITC^DeltaCom entered into the Agreement on August 15, 2004, and,

WHEREAS, BellSouth and ITC^DeltaCom have entered into good faith negotiations pursuant to the Act to negotiate an interconnection agreement ("New Interconnection Agreement") to replace the existing interconnection agreement between the Parties, which expired June 30, 2003 ("Expired Interconnection Agreement"), and

WHEREAS, until such time as the Parties execute the New Interconnection Agreement, BellSouth and ITC^DeltaCom shall continue to operate under the rates, terms and conditions of the Expired Interconnection Agreements, and

WHEREAS, BellSouth and ITC^DeltaCom are currently involved in an arbitration proceeding (the "Arbitration") before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to resolve any and all disputes which arose during the course of the negotiations, and

WHEREAS, BellSouth and ITC^DeltaCom desire to extend the term of this agreement,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby covenant and agree as follows

- 1 The Parties agree to delete and replace item 11 of the Agreement with the following
 - 11 The term of this Agreement shall expire on March 10, 2006 or until the Parties execute the New Interconnection Agreement, whichever is sooner The terms of this Agreement shall apply to the state of Tennessee
- 2 All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated August 15, 2004, shall remain in full force and effect.
- 3 Either or both of the Parties are authorized to submit this Amendment to the respective state regulatory authorities for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement the day and year written below.

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

By



Name: Kristen E. Rowe

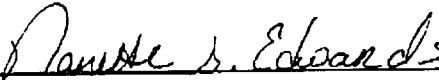
Title: Director

Date:

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ITC DeltaCom Communications, Inc.

By:



Name: Nanette S. Edwards

Title: V.P. - Regulatory

Date:

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ITC^DeltaCom Extend Term Amendment

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